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### ANACOSTIA'S SALOON QUESTION.

A downtown saloonkeeper has applied for transfer of his license so that he may remove his business to he surarb of Anacostia. The people of that town messages from party pledges. are up in arms about it, and tomorrow will be before the excise board to protest. Tonight they are holding a town meeting of their community, in which the church congregations, citizens' associations, temperance organizations, and about every organized representation of public opinion will unite to oppose bringing in the saloon.

lust a word to the excise board in this connection: If the law under which you are operating doesn't to return it. give you absolute power to listen to the people of Anacostia with so proper a request, ask Congress instantly to change the law.

oonkeepers, it isn't the law the people thought it was when it passed.

There is only one side to this Anacostia question.

### WHY PUPILS QUIT SCHOOL.

which attempt to explain why so many pupils drop out of high school. He finds that inelastic requireand promotion systems are largely responsible.

knows, that some children are hopelessly deficient in way? mathematics. The system that calmly goes ahead, nammering a whole mathematical course at a child with no capacity for it, assuming that the child must be either malicious or stupid because he doesn't learn, is no educational system at all. It doesn't know the first thing about real education. The very Hasn't there been anybody in Congress, either honest observations at the SOUTH POLE. derivation of the word tells us what it ought to be a "drawing out," not a hammering in; a development of the special capacities and capabilities of the child, not an effort to distort his mind into performances of which it is not capable. The public school course is too much an intellectual Procrustean bed to which all types of mind must arbitrarily be fitted: if some of the pupils must be chopped off to shorten them, why, others are stretched out to make them measure up to the requirements.

Prof. Perrine declares that nothing could con ince him that all girls should be compelled to study physics, and likewise that it is useless to insist on teaching foreign languages to some other pupils. Yet many of the minds that will utterly reject mathematics or languages, prove most adept with the sci-

## THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

in France which is rather more remarkable even than ties should have availed themselves of the new law diaphanous gowns threatens to go much most of the curious agglomerations that have in re- at the earliest possible moment is a noteworthy fore. A well-known modiste plans to ent years administered that republic. It is described sign of the times. The progressive doctrines of the as a ministry of mediocrities, which is liable not to West are fast making converts in the East. affright so many people as it might once have done. The world contains mostly mediocrities. Geniuses and a half of population and more, will soon have are scarce, and apt to be disappointing in perform- the opportunity of voting on the question of whether THE GULF STREAM MUST HAVE the National League.

place socialists stands Clemenceau, the big brain of sweeping change which has been inaugurated can-of A. Me's prediction of a mild winter swim. French radicalism and parliamentary life. Clemen- not fail to be regarded by the supporters of Mayor ar ad in Tuesday's paper, where an ceau's genius for unmaking governments at will is Blankenburg as presaging a potential opportunity startment house, not a million minutes uncanny. He is a socialist, and a French socialist to get rid of some of the obstacles which they have the fact that they have the large, cool at that; a real radical, not a moderate of the Ger- been forced to encounter at almost every turn. man school. It is said that whereas Aristide Briand as premier had a cabinet of compromises, and one, is opposed to continuing the policy of adding to the at that, of exceptionally high ability, Doumergue has city's obligations in the form of long-term bonds unmade no compromises. Everybody in his family is less there is great necessity for it, and the councils,

illustrate the processes of continental politics now- ments. There is, of course, something to be said adays. France has a hard-and-fast alliance with Rus- on each side of a general question of this nature. ia; but Doumergue, premier and toreign minister. But in any event, the differences between the mayor of the Scotch mountains. has always opposed that alliance! Again, France is and the councils serve the purpose of calling atten- The Scotchman, wishing to imcommitteed to a program of army expansion, which recently compelled it to increase the period of service they have and what they might perhaps have under that place. When the echo returned with the colors from two to three years. Socialists the more concentrated system of management which are opposed to such measures of keeping the world the third class cities of Pennsylvania are trying out. | keeping the world the third class cities of Pennsylvania are trying out. | keeping the world the third class cities of Pennsylvania are trying out. on a war basis; yet the new socialist ministry, being composed of more or less practical men, grappling with practical problems, will doubtless acquiesce in the policy that has really been dictated to France by

### THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

gation can be variously interpreted. The suffrage less regarding the following propositions: question was a national topic before the last Democratic platform was drafted, and the party ignored it. Mr. Wilson's belief that he is not at liberty to com- the strain. municate with Congress on the subject may rest on the contention that as the titular leader of the Demo- then is due to the weather and not to the fact that gan to work himself into the usual rage. cratic party, he would be advising that party to re- he has been trying to crowd a normal day's work Fixing a glassy eye on his clerk, he consider a policy to which, by its silence, it has com- and a week's reasonable allowance for amusement said to the customer:

But the President expounds a novel doctrine in That he will be forced to trade his overcoat for and then to the amazement of the But the President expounds a novel docume in regard to the range of subjects he may discuss in his an electric fan.

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heard of. It imposes on the President the obligation to inform Congress from time to time as to the state of the Union. This may or may not suggest the ini-FUBITISHED EVERY EVENING (INCLUDING SUNDAYS) tiation of legislation. But certainly one cannot read into it a limitation that he shall treat only of such state of the Union as has already been considered by the political party of which the existing President

> It may be highly expedient for the President to hold his spokesmanship for the Democratic party first and his spokesmanship for the nation second. Party rule means the domination of the minority by the majority-or, under the caucus system, by a bare majority of the majority; but certainly it is neither within the spirit of the Constitution nor within the public's ordinary conception of the President's office that he should represent anything less than the whole nation, or be unable to divorce his

### THE SPECIFIC QUESTION.

The Johnson-Prouty bill to extract from the District taxpayers over a million dollars on account of an alleged mistake of a generation ago, suggests one line of inquiry that should be opened. The language used by advocates of this measure implies that the people of Washington" are guilty of getting this money away from the Government, and then failing

We would like to know just who are the people of Washington for the purposes of that sweeping indictment. We doubt very gravely if the District Committee can find a citizen of Washington who knew If the law permits saloons to be spattered about that he had thus helped loot Uncle Sam, or that the the town to suit the convenience or the profits of sa- looting had ever taken place. Until the incident of that million was discovered by the present District Committee, nobody appears to have known there ever was such an incident.

Presumably Washington folks are a bad lot; they The community should not have a saloon forced on it, are assured of the fact on approximatelay all occasions when the chairman of the District Committee rises in his place. But if they are bad, what shall be aid about the unseeing District Committees, and Appropriation Committees and Houses and Senates and A Brooklyn educator, Prof. Perrine, has been Comptrollers of the past forty years, who have perpublishing in the Eagle of that town some articles mitted Washington to lug off this million and never interposed to prevent?

Is Congress-rather, has Congress in the past ments of the curriculum and too rigid examination been—composed of such an incompetent, or such a crooked, lot of people that twenty Congresses in suc-Prof. Perrine points out, what everbody else cession would permit Uncle Sam to be robbed in this

Are the people of Washington so fiendishly smart that they could steal a million without knowing they were doing it? Did the town have an attack of somnambulia, and in that condition walk abroad in the night and grab off that money and hide it somewhere? or bright enough, in all these years, to wise up to the WE KNEW HE COULD DO IT IF HE real gravity of that offense?

### COMMISSION GOVERNMENT IN PENN. SYLVANIA.

Twenty-nine of the smaller Pennsylvania cities, now? with a varying number of inhabitants from 5,000 to nearly 100,000 each, have adopted government by Frince Ayman de Fancigny Lucinge of commission. They have discarded their mayors and The Prince is a big game hunter. dual councils, substituting a salaried board of five administrators, whose job is to run the city exactly as they would run a business corporation. The new been known to jump seventy feet. scheme of things puts into the hands of the citizens! absolute power to pass or repeal ordinances, through road!!! a modification of the initiative and referendum. The A Senator is something on which they nonpartisan ballot will be employed in all municipal blame all the anecdotes.

The cities that have adopted commission government did so under an act of the latest Pennsylvania M. Doumergue has got together a new ministry Legislature. That so large a number of municipali-

it wishes to attempt a cure of its political evils by WANDERED UP THE POTOMAC. Back of Doumergue and his group of common- adopting the commission form of government. The Dear Editor-In further corroboration Australia, but it is a whopping big

Just now a contest is on between the mayor, who dominated by the organization, which are against 66 I I Down which are against 66 I I Down we've get live This cabinet faces a set of difficulties that aptly raising the tax rate to provide for public improve-

## WINTER'S TOUCH AT LAST.

We had almost begun to think old Boreas had just lean out of my window and ca We had almost begun to think old boreas had out "Three to get up; wake up;" and cut our acquaintance. Except for a mere flying visit eight hours afterward the echo comes back and wakes me." "Pittsburgh early in November, we hadn't set eyes on him since back and wakes through the chronicle Telegram. last winter, until he blew in with this week with a stinging touch that feels quite like old times. For the present, therefore, the man who has been look-President Wilson's speech to the suffrage dele- ing for things to worry about need concern himself

That the climate is changing.

That his summer clothes may not be able to stand soles. That the touch of headache he feels now and for a long time," the proprietor, unable

into twenty-four hours.

# THE TELEPHONE IS ESPECIALLY CON-VENIENT ALONG ABOUT THIS TIME



# THIS AND THAT With Sometimes a Little of AS IT WERE

THE NEIGHBORS MIGHT OBJECT. Admiral Peary advocates the estab-

TRIED.

Mr. Rockerfeller smiling, poses picture. (headline). So John smiled, huh!

Wonder what's going to jump in pri

Wonder if they play better on the would really be beneficial.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT LADY GODIVA WAS AN EQUESTRIENNE.

skirts. The new mode promises to re-It is probable that Philadelphia, with its million year still more generously the lines

## Echo As Alarm Clock.

echoes in Scotland, but they canna beat your American

"There, mon, ye cauna show anything like that in your country.
"To which the other replied: "I guess we can better that. Why, in my camp

## In Stock.

HERE is a proprieto; of a shop in the city, a man of most excitable temperament, who is forever scolding his clerks for their in difference in the matter of possible

One day, hearing a clerk say to a customer, "No, we have not had any plenty downstairs.

Whereupon the customer looked dazed;

Whereupon the customer looked by pro-

steam heat in summer. lishment of a station for meteorological

the Manassas Democrat that will relieve the monotony of your young life should you care to investigate. Why

Dear editor ..... The District Comssioners have established a "safety zone" at Thirteenth and New York Ave-

Safety zones to shield us from

All-American football teams. Engaged couples. Winter baseball chatter. Mexican war news. Christmas book agents. Flat wheeled street cars. Inflammable Kris Kingle whiskers. High-price-of-egg-jokes.

The last minute shopper. Yours

Flux DIAZ seems to have a safety ranged with the money grabbers zone, while Governor Tener, of Perugluania, left his to become the head of

Eggs are fourteen cents a dozen in

ARTHUR BAER.

# Concert Today

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, at

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN. Director.

March, "Italian Riffemen", Ellenberg Overture, "La Dame Blanche," Adagio from "Moonlight Sonata." Selection, "The Love Wager," Rag Oddity, "A Coon's Birthday."

Excerpts from "The Rose of Pa-. Herte Finale, "Kwang Hau" (Chinese),

The Star-Spangled Banner."



Hey you got a little Sherlock Holmes in yer house! Better send his

# MAIL BAG

(From The Times Readers.)

After the President, Senators, and Glad to hear from you, Ann. Look up Representatives in Congress remained the files and see whether they have at work during all the summer endeavoring to enact taws which would lighten the voke of the high cost of living from the necks of the poor and seemingly helpless American people, who would have thought it would be necessary for not let Oden give you the "once over"? the housewives of this country to resort IF YOU want a comfortable shave or an up-to-date balrout call on Oden Allen, annex Dorrell's Livery. At Haymarket on Saturdays. of life are on the free list; but the THIS SHOWS THAT WE WILL high cost of living remains the same, with the possible exception of soaring higher. At these rates the Govern-

ment is becoming poor in order that these damnable trusts might become Think of the nillions of dollars the duty off the said articles for the re-Fangaroos on their native heath have nue. That is just about as much use as lief of the people, and yet we are forced an elephant in an auditorium. Below I to resort to poycotting in order to bring have figured out just where safety zones the President and Congress have done their duty along the lines of freeing greedy and merciless American trusts; but all they have done amount to absolutely nothing. And, well-you've got to quit playing with these trusts, They are simply sitting back laughing at the powers tout be. They(a few men) are kidding the seventy or eighty millions of the American people who are seemingly at their (the trusts) mercy. How long, O, how long, will the starv-ing millions of the people be seris of just a few daylight robbers. Echo answers—how long; how long; There can be no doubt that a slight investigation by Congress would dis-

introduce a new fashion of tulle frocks, thing more than a mere empty phrase, investigation by Congress would disother countries to sell their goods a the same high prices as prevail here or go higher! So, while the poo people here are still in as bad condition as ever, the Government loses, and loses heavily. The people are with you. Mr. President. Lon't allow these trusts to play with you. Git yo' big stick an 'em once and hit 'em hard!

J. C. CUNNINGHAM.

In a recent edition of The Times there that the health authorities of that city destroyed over \$50,000 worth of cold storage turkeys, all of them being found untit for consumption.

When reading this story I was reminded how, in 1899, in the month of November, we soldlers stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, Cal., preparatory to embarking for the Philippines contributed a sum of money to buy turkeys for our Thanksgiving dinner. These turkeys were bought and deliv ered to our transport on or about No vember is. We were to eat our Thanks-givle- dinner in Honolulu, and when we took the meat out of our cold refrigerator on the transport Ben Mohr Thanksgiving eve the health officers of the ship and our army surgeons very pulckly condenned the meat. It was, of course, a sad disappointent to us, but, nevertheless, it taught

aid copy after Boston and have its ith authorities look into this cold rage food, and I believe that I am storage food, and t believe that I am not exaggerating when I say that right here in Washington could be found here in Washington could be foun much food supplies that would not pas muster Certainly some of the eggs of the market would not, and The Time, and those members of Congress who endeavoring to remedy this evil of mpure cold storage inspection are be commended.
WILLIAM A. HICKEY.

## Quality of Water.

th BEASORE drove into town just before the big rain the other day. and he saw Orlo Tuttle setting tubs and barrels under all the bouts around his house, says the Clevellers at Orlo. 'Hey, Orlo! What ye doin'?"

"Looks like rain, an' I'm a settin' out hese tubs so't the woman can have some soft water for her washin' Mon-lay, answers Orle, all innocent like, the not thinking about what a great ho'.' says Ira. "You won't git r

haw-haw! Get api'

### The recent congress of the American Medical Society, held for the study of alcohol and narcotics, in Philadelphia, aroused great interest in the questions of the actual value of alcohol as a stimulant or food and the dangers that lie in it as a poison. Taking up the question from its many viewpoints under the caption, "Public Health, A Question of Alcoholic Degeneracy," Dr. G. Alexander MacNicholl, of New York city, vice president of the Ameri-

Declares Alcohol

Is Most Potent of

Causes of Disease

And Degeneracy

can Medical Society for the Study of Alcohol and Narcotics, says: pensation, but the laws of nature are fixed, "Whatsoever a man sow-eth, that shall he also reap." The degenerative factor becomes more potent with each transmission, and A wave of degeneracy is sweeping the land-a degeneracy so appalling 'n magnitude that it staggers the mind and threatens to destroy the

republic; numbering more victims than have been slain in all the wars and in all the epidemics of acute diseases that have swept the country within two nundred years. The application of modern scientific methods has reduced the mortality from acute diseases such as typhoid, vellow.

yellow fever and the plague. The sources and the carriers of these infections have been discovered. By abolishing the source and exterminating the fly, the mosquito and the rat, the average length of life has been increased. With what marked contrast do we deal with alcohol, that most potent source and carrier of chronic disease!

Increasing Degeneracy Shown.

Degeneracy is shown in the increasing rate of mortality resulting from the sprand of chronic diseases. within thirty years the mortality from chronic diseases has doubled from chronic diseases has doubled, and today chronic disorders of the lungs, kidneys, heart, and other organs are responsible for more than half the deaths. A study of the United States census shows that within a period of fifty-three years the population of the United States increased 330 per cent, while the number of insane and feeble-minded increased \$50 per cent. This shows a net increase in the rate per million of 291 per cent.

of 291 per cent.

During the last twenty years there During the last twenty years there has been an increase in the mortality from hemorrnage in the brain of 190 per cent; kidney diseases, 117 per cent; diseases of the heart and circulation, 378 per cent; cancer, 456 per cent; diabetus, 738 per cent. This slaughter of the race is accentuated when we recall the fact that one in every seven deaths is due to tuberculosis, and that one in every twenty of the population will die of cancer.

Small Families. Again, degeneracy is shown in a lessened fertility of the race. Among the early settlers of this country there was an average in excess of eight children to a family; at the present time 58.7 of native white women in the United States who have been married over ten years and less than twenty years have had one or two children, and only 9.2 have more than five children. One out of every six of these women are

During the past five years the birth rate in the United States has fallen off 331-3 per cent. This means the loss of a million bables a year. Let this degeneracy continue at the same rate for one hundred years, and there will not be a native-born child five years old in the United States.

# Alcohol Back Of It.

What is the cause of this degeneracy? A hundred different intermediate agencies may contribute to the undoing of the race, but back of them all stands alcohol as the chief degenerative factor. Statistics compiled by the leading insurance companies and presented by Sir T. P. Whitaker in a report to the British parliament show that of every 1,000 deaths among the population at large 440 are due to alcohol. This would mean a mortality from alcohol in the United States of 680,000 a year.

The great burden of drink is not borne by the drinker, but by the drinker's children. The germ cell that is to be evolved into another being is the most highly organized of all the cells in the body. In its protoplasm lies the material and pat-tern of the perfected organism. Should such poison as alcohol les-sen the nutrition of the cell or impair the quality of the protoplasmic material and deface the pattern, these shortcomings and defects will

he manifested in the subsequent stages of development. A defective germ cell cannot evolve a normal body; this is the reason that we find a larger percentage of tional and organic diseases among the children of drinking parents. Suffer From Disease.

in our studies among school children in New York city we find that 62 per cent are the children of drinking parents, and that 91 per cent of these children of drinking parents suffer from some functional or organic disease. In one institution for the treatment of physical defectives a recent study shows that every pa tient is the child of drinking parents, A study of two groups of families will clearly show the difference between the children of the drinker and the children of the abstainer. Ten families of regular drinkers show the following:

Total number of children, &. Thirty died in infancy. 2 had heart disease.

a neurotic anaemic. very poor treth, a tubercular. their studies these children stood as follows: Two were excellent, 6 fair, and 17

The families of total abstainers show the following: fotal number of children, 79 died in infancy, 1 anaemic. tubercular.

to their stud studies these children Fifty-six were excellent, 10 fair and

deficient.
Of the abstainers, 90 per cent were rmal in mind and body, as against per cent of drinkers' children. comparison of these two groups of tamilies, living under the same conditions and in the same environment, shows that alcohol actually injured or destroyed S per cent of the children. Ninety-seven per cent of children of total abstainers were Ninety-seven per cent of the neight in their studies, as against a per cent with drinking parents. the transfitted

alcoholic degeneracy limited to one generation, could improved sanita tion and medication correct and re heredity would receive partial comrenders posterity more and susceptible to disease.

Heredity Shown. An Hiustration of this heredity law may be noted in the children of ten families of drinking parents, traced through three generations.

Ten families of drinking parents First generation—Forty-seven children, of whom 50 per cent. suffered from organic and functional dis-Second generation—Ninety chil-dren, of whom 62 per cent suffered from organic and functional diseases. Third generation—Eighty-two chil-dren, of whom 35 per cent suffered from organic and functional dis-eases.

eases.

Our studies of school children show that one in every three is mentally deficient. If this percentage holds good over the entire country, there are seven millions of children of a school age that are mentally deficient, and less than sixty-seven thousand of these are free from hereditary alcohol taint. Three out of five school children are afflicted with some functional or organic disease.

If this percentage holds good over the entire country, there are thirteen millions of children of a school age that are afflicted with functional and organic diseases, and less than two and a half million of these are free from hereditary alcohol taint. A nation half-diseased and half-well cannot live, but here we have three-fifths of the rising generation mentally and physically discased.

Many Are Insane

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Our investigation indicates that me out of every five children born to drinking parents will be insane. One out of every three children born to out of every three children born to drinking parents will suffer from epilepsy and hysteria. At this rate of hysteria among drnikers children, and with an increased per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors, we must expect a very largely increased number of insane among the children of the next generation.

The great white plague has not lost its power to destroy. Our studies indicate that 15 per cent of tuberculous children are the children of drinking parents.

drinking parents.

Cancer bears a relation to alcohol that need not be mistaken. Among the great total abstaining races of the great total abstaining races of Africa, Asia and Iceland there is a

rarity of total absence of cancer. while in the great beer, wine and spirit drinking countries of Europe there has been a steadily increasing mortality from cancer.

In England a few years ago, of 12,000 men examined at Manchester. 9,000 were rejected as physically unfit for army service. Dr. Ballinger estimates that half of the young men army service. Dr. Ballinger tes that half of the young tes that half of the young in Germany between eighteen and twerty-two years of age are incapa-ble of bearing arms. Not long since a call was issued for young physi-cians to enter the United States army. Eighty per cent of those ex-amined were rejected as physically unit.

Alcoholic degeneracy is the most important sanitary question before the country, and yet the health authe country, and yet the nearly thorities do not take acton, as alco-thorities do not take acton, as alcohol is intrenched in politics. Leaders in politics dare not act, as their po-litical destiny lies in the hands of the agents of the liquor traffic. We are face to face with the greatest crisis in our country's history. The alcohol question must within the next ten years or some wirle race will write the epi alcohol question must be settled more virile race will taph of this republic.

# Hits From Sharp Wits.

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain is quoted as saving that "a day's house-That kind of talk is not going to help the suffrage movement.

By marrying her many a man has polled the woman who would have nade somebody an ideal wife,—Toledo

Some men who pretend to be in search of knowledge insist on doing all the alking.—Macon Telegraph.

### What's on the Program in Washington Today

Masonic-Harmony Lodge, No. 17, elec-tions, Anacostia, No. 21, installation, grand lodge school of instruction.

Washington Commander Knights Templar: St. John Association, monthly elections.

Harmony, No. 9, and Friendship, No. 12 business; Federal City, No. 29, business; Columbian Encampment, t. nomination of officers. National Union-Postoffice Depart ent Council, Flynn's Hall, election officers; Interior Council, Pythian Temple, elections.

Knights of Pythias-Mt. Vernon Lodge. No. 5, and Hermione, No. 12, nomina

tions; Union, No. 22, Columbia, No. 26, nominations. Reval Arcanum-District Council, 1101 E street northwest, sonight.

## Amusements.

National- Broadway Jones," 2:15 and 15 p. m. lasco-"Bought and Paid For," 2:29 and 8:20 p. m. Columbia-Motet Choral Society. Con-- The County Chairman," 2:15 and Hills, 8:15 p. m. ceitl s-Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. osmos-Vaudeville, continuous, asino-Vaudeville, afternoon and even-

Gayety - 1: rlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. Arcade-"Night in Italy:" dancing to